

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **November 11, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Transportation Security Administration Law Enforcement Personnel Agreement**

RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate \$71,442, with full reimbursement from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), for law enforcement personnel at the airport; authorize the City Manager to execute a Reimbursement Agreement (RA) between the Transportation Security Administration and the City of Lynchburg/Lynchburg Regional Airport.

SUMMARY:

In May 2002, the City executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Transportation Security Administration to provide City law enforcement personnel at the airport security checkpoint. That agreement was terminated by the TSA on May 31, 2003 when funding for on-site law enforcement was no longer made available to the TSA. During the time since, the TSA was able to secure limited funding for reimbursement of law enforcement expenses by smaller airports on a case-by-case basis.

Based upon the desire of our local TSA office to return an on-site law enforcement presence to Lynchburg Regional Airport, the Charlottesville federal security director submitted a proposal to TSA headquarters requesting funding authority for local law enforcement at the airport under a similar Reimbursement Agreement. That proposal was subsequently approved by the TSA and the terms and conditions of a new RA successfully negotiated. With these steps in place, the airport is now ready to proceed with establishing an on-site airport security office.

Based upon the past uncertainty of a reliable, on-going stream of funding from the federal government for this type of agreement, it was determined that the use of Lynchburg Police officers to provide this service would be neither practical nor cost-effective. Accordingly, it is the intent of the airport to establish an airport security office to be staffed by retired police officers and/or sheriff's deputies on a part-time basis, with employment contingent upon the availability of federal funding.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee, November 4, 2003

FISCAL IMPACT: None. Expected costs are within the amount authorized in the RA and are therefore 100% reimbursable.

CONTACT(S): Mark F. Courtney 582-1150 extension 222 Airport Manager

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED That the FY 2004 Airport Operating Fund budget is amended and \$71,442 is appropriated for airport law enforcement personnel, with full reimbursement from the Transportation Security Administration; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to execute a Reimbursement Agreement between the Transportation Security Administration and the City of Lynchburg/Lynchburg Regional Airport to provide law enforcement personnel at the airport.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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